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LB 581, 776

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Committee amendments are adopted. Debate on the advancement of the bill?

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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...the body is the advancement (LB) 776 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 776.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (LB) 776 advances. LB 581.

CLERK: (LB) 581, a bill by Senator Janssen. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19, referred to Government, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This bill amends the Nebraska Political and (sic) Accountability Disclosure Act as to allow greater flexibility in the way that the reports and statements are filed. Many provisions of current law presume that the reports would be filed on paper. They require original signatures and notarized signatures. The provisions of this bill would still require that the reports be verified, however, this verification could be in writing or it could be pursuant to some other verification process adopted by the commission through rules and regulations. This bill will ultimately allow the commission to accept filings electronically or by other means. This bill deliberately avoids language which would lock the commission into a specific technology. This would help citizens in the entire state, but would be especially helpful for those in rural areas because they would not have to drive great distances in order to file their documents. Thank you for the consideration and hopefully you can find your way to vote in the affirmative for this